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1. REF A WAS DEPARTMENT OF ARMY AUTHORIZATION TO SHIP THAT EQUIPMENT DESTINED FOR UNEF COMPRISING THE \$10 MILLION NON-REIMBURSABLE PACKAGE BEING PROVIDED BY USG. REF B WAS USUN REQUEST FOR SURFACE SHIPMENT

TO PORT SAID INSTEAD OF ALEXANDRIA WHERE DELAY WOULD NOT BE INCURRED BY SO DOING. REF C CONTAINED PLANNING INFORMATION REGARDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TEAMS REQUESTED BY UN IN UNEF ASSIST LETTER 75-49.

2. INFORMATION RECEIVED INFORMALLY TODAY FROM DEPT OF ARMY INDICATES THAT THE FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT WILL PROBABLY SAIL FOR UNEF ON 30 JAN ON THE SHIP LASH ATLANTICO, TO ARRIVE IN ALEXANDRIA APPROXIMATELY 9-11 FEB:

A. US/UNEF ASSIST LTR 75-40, ITEM 1, PREFAB BLDG, FORTY EACH

B. US/UNEF ASSIST LTR 75-41, ENTIRE REQUEST LESS WHAT HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN SHIPPED VIA AIR (50,000 SANDBAGS, 1100 ROLLS MINE
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C. US/UNEF ASSIST LTR 75-44, ITEM 1, EIGHTY-NINE 1/4 TON TRUCKS, M151A2; ITEM 9, THREE 5-TON TRUCKS, WRECKER; ITEM 2, POSSIBLY RPT POSSIBLY AS YET UNKNOWN QUANTITY OF 1 1/4 TON TRUCKS, M715

D. US/UNEF ASSIST LTR 75-45, ITEM 3, POSSIBLY, RPT POSSIBLY THREE 25-TON TRAILERS

E. US/UNEF ASSIST LTR 75-48, ENTIRE REQUESTED QUANTITY OF COMBAT RATIONS.

3. RECENT CALBE RECEIVED BY UN FROM ISMAILIA STATES THAT "ALL SHIPPING LINES ARE SENDING THEIR VESSELS FROM EUROPE AND AMERICA ON REGULAR SCHEDULES TO PORT SAID." THE VOLUME OF THIS SHIPMENT IS SUCH AS TO MAKE PORT SAID VICE ALEXANDRIA AS A TERMINUS ALMOST MANDATORY. DELIVERY AT PORT SAID WOULD PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING ADVANTAGES TO THE UN: BETTER UNLOADING FACILITIES, AND PHYSICAL SECURITY. AS FOR THE LATTER POINT, UNEF HAS ELEMENTS OF A SWEDISH BATTALION IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE AT PORT SAID TO HELP SECURE DELIVERY, WHILE IT HAS NOTHING COMPARABLE AT ALEXANDRIA. CONSIDERING EXISTING PROBLEMS WITH SECURING EVEN SMALL SHIPMENTS TO UNEF ARRIVING IN ALEXANDRIA, PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH ATTEMPTING TO SECURE THE UPCOMING VOLUME OF ITEMS TO BE OFFLOADED FROM A SINGLE VESSEL WOULD BE STAGGERING. THE MERE PRESENCE OF THE SWEDES IN PORT SAID, ON THE OTHER HAND, COULD SERVE AS A CONSIDERABLE DETERRENT TO WIDESPREAD PILFERAGE.

4. BASED ON REF C, UN FIELD OPERATIONS SERVICE HAS NOW REFINED ITS REQUIREMENT CONTAINED IN UNEF ASSIST LTR 75-49, AND REQUESTS THE FOLLOWING IN THE WAY OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TEAMS:

A. ONE TEAM CONSISTING OF FIVE CIVILIAN RPT CIVILIAN TECHNICIANS TO ADVISE IN CONSTRUCTION OF BASE CAMPS AND OBSERVATION POSTS AND INSTALLATION OF ASSOCIATED COMPONENTS, TO INCLUDE ELECTRICAL WIRING, PLUMBING, SEWERAGE, WATER SUPPLY, ETC. UN DESIRES THREE CONSTRUCTION EXPERTS AND TWO INSTALLATION EXPERTS. UN ENVISIONS USING ONE CONSTRUCTION EXPERT AND THE TWO INSTALLATION TECHNICIANS PRIMARILY IN THE TWO BASE CAMP AREAS, WITH THE REMAINING TWO UNCLASSIFIED

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CONSTRUCTION TECHNICIANS ADVISING ON THE ERECTING OF THE OBSERVATION POSTS. IT IS DESIRED THAT ONE INSTALLATION EXPERT BE EXPERIENCED IN ELECTRICAL WIRING, EQUIPMENT, AND COMPONENTS, AND THAT THE OTHER BE EXPERIENCED IN SUCH AREAS AS PLUMBING, WATER SUPPLY, SEWERAGE, AND FUEL CONDUITS. TEAMS SHOULD ARRIVE IN UNEF AREA OF OPERATION PRIOR TO ARRIVAL OF BULK OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND COMPONENTS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE ADVICE ON GROUND BREAKING, FOUNDATION EXCAVATION AND CONSTRUCTION,

AND GEOGRAPHICAL PLACEMENT OF VARIOUS BASE CAMP ELEMENTS. DURATION OF REQUIREMENT FOR TEAM'S PRESENCE WILL BE DETERMINED LATER BY SITUATION AS IT DEVELOPS.

B. A SECOND TEAM CONSISTING OF THREE CIVILIAN RPT CIVILIAN TECHNICIANS TO ADVISE IN THE OFFLOADING OF THE FIRST, AND POSSIBLY SUBSEQUENT, SURFACE SHIPMENTS. IT IS DESIRED THAT ONE TECHNICIAN BE A TRANSPORTATION EXPERT IN ORDER TO ADVISE IN CHECKING OFFLOADED EQUIPMENT AGAINST THE SHIPPING MANIFEST TO INSURE COMPLETENESS OF DELIVERY. IT IS DESIRED THAT THE REMAINING TWO TECHNICIANS BE SUPPLY EXPERTS: ONE TO ADVISE ALONGSIDE THE TRANSPORTATION EXPERT, IN ASSOCIATING SPARE PARTS AND COMPONENTS WITH MAJOR ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT, AND THE OTHER TO ADVISE THE UNEF DEPOT IN LOCATING AND GROUPING ASSOCIATED ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT. WHILE IT IS PREFERRED THAT THIS TEAM ACCOMPANY THE SURFACE SHIPMENT, IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT THE CLOSENESS OF THE SCHEDULED DEPARTURE DATE MAY PRECLUDE THIS. AT A MINIMUM, THEN, THE TEAM SHOULD ARRIVE AT THE TERMINAL BY AIR PRIOR TO ARRIVAL OF SHIPMENT. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT TEAM'S PRESENCE WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO WEEKS.

5. STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT DOD BE REQUESTED TO TAKE NECESSARY ACTION TO EFFECT DELIVERY IN PORT SAID OF ITEMS BEING SHIPPED TO UNEF. ALSO RECOMMEND THAT DOD BE REQUESTED TO CHANGE MARKINGS ON ANY CRATES AND PACKAGES NOW ADDRESSED TO ALEXANDRIA TO PORT SAID.

6. FURTHER RECOMMEND THAT DOD BE REQUESTED TO ACT URGENTLY IN EARMARKING, ALERTING, AND ORGANIZING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TEAMS. BECAUSE OF THE TIME FACTOR INVOLVED, REQUEST FURTHER THAT DEPT RENDER EVERY POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE TO DOD IN OBTAINING REQUIRED PASSPORTS AND VISAS.

7. ANY DOD COMMENTS CONCERNING STRUCTURE OR UTILIZATION OF UNCLASSIFIED

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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TEAMS AS OUTLINED ABOVE, TO INCLUDE ANY RECOMMENDED CHANGES, WOULD BE WELCOMED BY UN.

8. IT IS USUN'S UNDERSTANDING THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUEST FOR NON-REIMBURSABLE SUPPORT CONTAINED IN UNEF ASSIST 75-49, EXPENSE BORNE BY DOD IN PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TEAMS WILL BE REIMBURSED FROM \$10 MILLION TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM STATE TO DOD. IN THIS CONNECTION, USUN NOTES THAT REF. C INCLUDES ESTIMATED TEAM PER DIEM COSTS, BUT APPEARS TO OMIT SALARY COSTS. NOW THAT UN HAS FINALIZED TEAM REQUIREMENTS - SUBJECT TO ANY CHANGES SUGGESTED BY DOD AND ACCEPTED BY UN - REQUEST THAT DOD PROVIDE ESTIMATE SALARY COSTS AS WELL. UN FULLY UNDERSTANDS THAT IF TOTAL COST OF UNEF ASSIST 75-40 THRU 75-49 EXCEEDS \$10 MILLION, EXCESS WILL BE REIMBURSED BY UN.
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